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Presidents Report

Hi all,

It was great to see so many members at the last quarterly meeting, I hope everyone enjoyed the meeting and the venue and food. It was as always, a productive meeting and being able to welcome the Classic Landcruiser Club to the Association and to welcome back the Range Rover Club was a definite high point for me. The meeting also saw a few old faces that I have not seen in a while so that was nice, the best part of being allowed to have this position is the people that you get to

meet.

We had a bit of an update on Parks, and it will certainly be interesting to see how the inquiry into the use of public lands will go, after the survey into camping hopefully they will realize just how out of touch they are with most Park users and the greater population. They do all the right things then just ignore the answers, a great example of this is the Gardens of Stone at Lithgow, it had so much potential to bring tourists to Lithgow and everyone embraced it except for a very small but vocal group who want total lockout for every park and that is who they listened to, unbelievable isn't it.

Time is running out to nominate for a position on the committee, if you are interested, please contact us.

The next big thing is the Adventure Show and as always it is looking bigger and better, this when other shows are struggling is a great reflection on the effort put in by all the volunteers, if you want a great day out can I suggest that you sign up now as there is a lot of things happening and a great prize to be won.

Looking forward to seeing a lot of you at the show so cheers for now.

Craig Thomas
President

Life Time Memberships

Great for the member - but not so good for the club long term.

Membership fees paid to 4WD NSW/ACT each year must include any life memberships that a club has bestowed on a member. The club doesn't get paid the fee but the insurance company still needs to cover them so they must be declared.

But what to be done when the member is no longer active within the club?

It seems unfair to pay for a member that is not in the club anymore.

Clubs can do what best suits themselves but the following is one option to reduce the costs of unused Life Memberships.

Life members that are not active in your club any longer can be officially changed to "inactive"

Do this by adding a bylaw that states the following (or similar):

Life members that have not been active in the club for 2 years (decide on your club's own timeframe) are to be declared "inactive"

The membership can be reactivated if the member returns to the club after a long absence.

Ensure that any bylaw created does not contradict your club's constitution.

Looking for something to do the October Long Weekend?

CLASSIC LANDCRUISER
Swap meet & 4wd show

Pre-1989 Landcruisers
20s, 40s, 55s & 60s

**20
NSW
25**

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4TH-5TH 2025**

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General entry \$15 ♦ 12 and under free ♦ show n shine \$25 ♦ swap meet \$20 ♦ camping \$15

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show n shine entry is for pre-1989 classic and historic landcruisers only

The Classic Landcruiser Club is a brand new member of 4WD NSW and ACT Inc. If you are in the area make sure you drop in and say Hello!



Changing our domains and emails to .com.au

You may have noticed that all of our websites and emails end in **.COM**

We are changing to **.COM.AU**

.AU signifies Australia so we are making the move to get this done over the next few years.

Websites and emails happening NOW

The websites now have a diversion so that if you put in .com it will divert to .COM.AU. You may notice that now when you enter the web address.

A diversion is all ready in place and will stay on all email addresses for at least a year or two. This means that you can start using the correct emails to contact the committee from today.

What to do NOW

Start making the change within your clubs' website, stationery, promotional items and anywhere that a 4wdnow email address or website address appears. all the addresses are still the same EXCEPT they will have **.AU** on the end.

This change will save the Association money and reduce confusion with the general public.

Office

Maggie Thomas

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Final Call for Nominations for Association Committee

Nominations are closing soon for the 2025/2026 Association Committee.

If you are interested in nominating for any of the positions and have questions, please contact one of the current committee members.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Four Wheel Drive NSW & ACT is on Saturday

15 November 2025 at Asquith Bowling Club. At this meeting the nine Committee positions will be declared vacant.

Nominations are to be in writing on the form on the Association website, located on the tab 'Members Only' 'Minutes & Documents' 'Documents – Constitution 2024' 'Nomination Form – Committee Position'

All nominates must be a delegate of a financial NSW/ACT member club.

Delegates may only hold one position on the committee.

Nominations close at 11.59pm on Monday 15 September 2025 and must be received by Secretary no later than this time to be valid. Forward nomination forms to secretary@4wdnow.com

Nominations from the floor for a position will only be taken if no written nomination received by the due date.

Committee positions

President

The president shall conduct all meetings of the Association and be responsible for the organisation of the Association. The president shall also, after consultation with the committee, guide the Association in matters of policy and its effect.

Vice Presidents

The vice presidents shall assist and advise the president in the performance of his duties. The vice presidents shall also advise the president in matters of policy and its effect.

The current vice presidents are – VP Clubs & VP Lands

Secretary

The secretary shall be responsible for keeping minutes of all committee and general meetings, attend to all Association correspondence and shall administer all Association records.

Treasurer

The treasurer shall be responsible for the handling of all monies of the Association, keep all related records and present a financial statement at each Association general meeting except for any general meeting called in accordance with section 13. The treasurer shall issue tax invoices to member clubs at the end of every financial year. The treasurer shall be responsible for preparation of accounts, income tax returns and other statutory returns as required.

Executives (General Committee Members)

The 4 executives shall undertake duties that the committee determines from time to time shall best serve the objects of the Association. The current 4 Executives undertake duties as required.

David Wellham

Election Chair & Returning Officer

Remember the recent changes to the constitution and member fees has also changed the number of votes for clubs.

31 Voting

(1) Financial member clubs will have one vote per 60 memberships or part thereof up to a maximum of 2 votes.

For the purposes of this clause the number of memberships in a member club will be determined by the number of membership fees collected by the member club during the previous year as notified to the secretary.

Read the full CONSTITUTION [HERE](#)



Promotion will start shortly on Social media for the clubs attending, the Show and the roof top tent prize for new members that sign up with our clubs at the show. Volunteers that work for the show are also entered into the draw for the tent. One entry per day, so volunteer for 3 days = 3 entries. TV adds will start to appear as the show gets closer.



Adventure Show club stand - Bookings have now closed

These Clubs have already signed up and have a space allocated.

1. CWF 4WD Club
2. Georges River Overland Recreational Club
3. Bungaribee 4WD
4. Black Diamond 4WD
5. Land Rover Owners Club
6. Central Coast 4WD Club
7. Crossed up 4WD Club
8. Macarthur District 4WD Club
9. Sydney Jeep Club
10. Illawarra Suzuki 4WD club
11. Four Wheel Drive NSW and ACT Inc
12. Blue Mountains 4WD Club

13. Suzuki 4wd Club of NSW

If your club has booked but does not appear on this list please contact Brian on the number below. If any clubs have any photos from any previous shows that would be helpful for promotion of the show. Please contact Brian for any queries or email any photos to office@4wdnow.com

Volunteer at [HERE](#) - volunteers can sign up without logging in to the website

Regards

Brian Bird

0421 601 128

Adventure Show Chair



Cheers to 50 Years!

The NSW Subaru & Recreational 4WD Club is reaching the fantastic milestone of 50 years.

Celebrations will be held at Cobbitty Scout Hall across the October long weekend with a celebratory dinner at 7pm on Saturday 4th October. Further details on our website.

subaru4wdclub.com.au

Every new Australian road rule and fine taking effect from July 1 2025

In case you missed it, here's a quick rundown of all the updated road rules, fines, and penalties that came into effect nationwide, from July 1.

Australia's various states and territories are implementing a suite of new road rules and increased fines as part of the new financial year, including the end of ticketless parking in NSW.

The new financial year is upon us, which inevitably means new rules.

As the nation collectively turns over its calendar to July 1, here is a rundown of what each Australian state and territory is changing in terms of road rules, fines and adjustments with the new financial year.

Respective governments have justified the adjustments following the [worst road toll figures in 15 years](#), as well as changes to the Consumer Price Index, or CPI.

New South Wales

Fines increase with CPI

Beginning with the Premier state, all penalties, fees and charges in NSW have increased by 3.2 per cent from July 1 to reflect the CPI.

It means if you're caught illegally using your mobile phone while driving, the fine has just jumped from \$410 to \$423.

Average speed cameras now enforced for all speeding offences

As we've previously reported, NSW has begun enforcing fines and demerit points penalties for light cars and motorcycles along two stretches of road using [average speed cameras](#), following a trial period.

Ticketless parking fines removed

Elsewhere, the government has done away with [ticketless parking fines](#), deeming the practice "unfair". From July 1, there'll be a more transparent system back in place, with councils now required to issue on-the-spot fines or notifications by leaving an infringement on the vehicle, to avoid penalty notices turning up in the mail weeks after an incident. Council officers must also take photos of said offences and make them available to those picking up the bill.

"The NRMA welcomes the end to ticketless parking fines in NSW and commends the NSW Government for listening to motorists and making this common sense reform," says NRMA spokesman, Peter Khoury. "Transparency matters. People deserve to know when and why they're being fined—and to have a fair chance to challenge it if needed."

Toll increases

Predictably, there are also toll increases on some of Sydney's motorways from July 1, including [the Sydney Harbour Bridge](#), M7, M2, M5 South West, North Connex, Lane Cove Tunnel, Eastern Distributor and the Cross City Tunnel.

Queensland

Queensland has reduced speed limits from 50km/h to 40km/h in some busy areas in a bid to address an alarming spike in vulnerable road user deaths.

The sunshine state has also increased fines and car registration by 3.4 per cent on July 1.

Although the increases are incremental, they compound what are some pretty hefty fines. For instance, if you're caught illegally using your mobile phone behind the wheel, the fine has increased to \$1250 (from \$1209).

Victoria

Victorian drivers are now required to slow down to 40km/h while passing some roadside vehicles from July 1, or face fines up to \$961. These vehicles are listed as assistance vehicles, tow trucks, and emergency incident response vehicles that are flashing lights or sounding their alarm on any roads.

South Australia

Like Victoria, South Australian has introduced rules requiring motorists to slow down when passing stationary roadside emergency, breakdown and assistance vehicles flashing their lights on multilane roads – but the speed limit is even more stringent.

Motorists in SA are required to slow down to 25km/h while passing said stationary vehicles, and if they don't the penalty now extends up to \$1895 and up to nine demerit points.

Western Australia

In its own attempt to curb the huge spike in vulnerable road user deaths, hundreds of high pedestrian area roads across WA have had their speed limits reduced to 40km/h – down from 50km/h or 60km/h.

The western state is also slogging motorists bigger fines for illegal phone use behind the wheel, with fines climbing to \$700.

Extreme cases of speeding are also in the spotlight, with fines climbing up to \$1600.

Northern Territory

The NT has rolled out new speed limits on several stretches of road.

On the Stuart Highway, the section of road which passes the Emerald Springs Roadhouse will increase from 80km/h to 100km/h, while a new speed limit of 80km/h will be implemented between Chung Wah Terrace and Wickham Point Road.

Separately, the stretch of bitumen between Wickham Point Road and Channel Island Bridge has changed to 90km/h.

Tasmania

It is understood there are no changes to Tasmania's road rules or fines at the time of writing.

Australian Capital Territory

It is understood there are no changes to the ACT's road rules or fines at the time of writing.

Source credit NRMA

The right way to use headlights

When should your headlights be on?

[The NSW Government says](#) your headlights must be on when:

- Driving between sunset and sunrise.
- At any other time when there is not enough daylight to be able to see a person wearing dark clothing at a distance of 100 metres.

When should you use high beam?

To see further ahead, use your headlights on high beam on any road, even if there are street lights. You must dip your headlights to low beam:

- When a vehicle coming toward you is within 200 metres.
- When driving 200 metres or less behind another vehicle.

When you overtake another vehicle, you may briefly flash high beam immediately before starting the overtaking manoeuvre.

Some newer vehicles have a smart high beam function, which switches high beams off automatically when it detects other vehicles.

What should you do if you are dazzled by headlights?

Do not use or allow any light fitted to your vehicle to dazzle another road user. Avoid looking at the headlights of oncoming vehicles.

If you are dazzled by glaring or high-beam lights, look to the left side of the road and drive to the left of your lane, slow down or pull over until your eyes recover.

When should fog lights be used?

Front and rear [fog lights](#) must only be used in fog or rain, or when conditions such as smoke and dust limit your vision. It is a legal requirement that once conditions improve and you can see more clearly, the front and rear fog lights are switched off.

If your vehicle is not fitted with fog lights, use your headlights during the day in these adverse conditions.

What are daytime running lights (DRL)?

Many new cars come standard with daytime running lights (DRLs). These are static lights that illuminate when the car is under operation, making it easier to see – especially in the early morning/late afternoon, and on overcast or rainy days.

Way back in 2009, the NRMA presented a submission to the State Government calling for the use of low-beam headlights during the day until DRLs became standard.

The submission estimated that DRLs could prevent up to 11 per cent of non-pedestrian fatal crashes, 11 per cent of non-pedestrian non-fatal incidents and 12 per cent of all pedestrian impacts.

Sadly, they are still not a mandatory fixture in the Australian Design Rules for passenger cars.

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Fellow 4WDers

In 2026, the Suzuki 4WD Club of NSW will be celebrating its 50th anniversary, and we're reaching out to former members, friends, and supporters to keep you informed and invite you to join in the celebrations.

We have two key events planned:

- **Gala Dinner:** February 21, 2026
- **Monster Zukana:** Long weekend in October 2026

Throughout 2026, we will also be hosting Heritage Events to celebrate the history and future of 4WDing.

We're currently updating our mailing list and would love for you to be part of the celebrations. If you'd like to stay updated, simply register via our website using [this form](#) or on our website. [Suzuki 4WD Club](#)

Bookings for dinner will be open from July. We'll be announcing more details via our website, email and social media soon, so keep an eye out!

Best regards,
Mitch Hutchinson
President
Suzuki 4WD Club of NSW
president@suzuki4wd.com.au



Red Cross First Aid Course

I have had a few inquiries about another Sydney Course for members.

We need 20 participants to run the course.

The course will be in the Penrith area, possible in May or June.

If you or your club are interested please email office@4wdnow.com

Need a ZOOM meeting?

Do you need a zoom meeting for your club?

You are welcome to use the Association account.

Please email Maggie with date, start time and duration.

office@4wdnow.com

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If I write something that mentions "me or I" and there is no signature after it then it is a message from me.

If you would like something to be added on behalf of your club please email office@4wdnow.com.

Anything can be included as long as it's club based and for the benefit of clubs.

The newsletter is monthly (about the first of each month) but we can do an extra "special" if there is something that is important that we missed.

- Maggie Thomas.

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